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1. To replace the outlawed Comité de Reorganización Obrera Sindical (CROS), Communist labor leaders are developing the Committee for the Defense of the Rights of Labor as their tool with which to control organized labor in El Salvador. This committee is an outgrowth of the planning that the CROS had started prior to the government action in March that resulted in the banning of the CROS. The leaders of the Committee at this stage of its development are Manuel Pineda Prieto and Rafael Reyes Palacios, and recent organizational meetings have been held at the headquarters of the Sindicato de Peluqueros, a former CROS affiliate.
2. Communist liaison with the labor movement in Guatemala is being maintained by Salvador C. Carpio and Miguel Marmol, who fled to that country in March to avoid arrest during the Salvadoran Government action against the CROS. Carpio was the first leader of the Committee when it was established by the CROS in January of this year, and this fact, coupled with his past experience in Guatemala, made him a logical choice for this important work. Dr. Miguel Angel Flores is active as an advisor to the Committee, and is calling upon his considerable experience in Guatemala as a labor judge to help it in planning its proposed legislative program that is soon to be presented to the Salvadoran Government.
3. Communist supporters of the Committee are those who oppose any collaboration with the government in labor matters, and the rise in influence of the Committee has become a serious threat to the plan of Rafael Gamero to establish the Comité de Unidad Sindical (CUS). In fact, it is said that Gamero has reached the decision to abandon his project of working with the Ministry of Labor in an attempt to gain control of the government-sponsored syndicate program for the Communists.

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